



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Counseling, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC115-20 18VAC115-30 18VAC115-40 18VAC115-50 18VAC115-60
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Counseling Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers Regulations Governing The Practice Of Marriage And Family Therapy Regulations Governing The Practice Of Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners
Action title	Changes of addresses
Final agency action date	6/5/09
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Pursuant to the 2009 Acts of the Assembly (SB1282 – Chapter 687), the Board of Counseling has amended its regulations relating to the responsibility of the licensee to provide current addresses. SB1282 requires that every licensee of the Board must provide an address of record

for use by the Board and the Department, but permits a person to provide a second address to be used as the public address. If a second address is not provided, the address of record becomes the public address. Regulations are amended to use the statutory terminology of address of record and to clarify that the licensee has a responsibility to notify the board if there is a change in the public address as well as the address of record (if there is a difference).

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On June 5, 2009, the Board of Counseling acted to amend its requirements in Chapter 20, Regulations Governing the Practice of Counseling; Chapter 30, Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants; Chapter 40, Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers; Chapter 50, Regulations Governing The Practice of Marriage And Family Therapy; and Chapter 60, Regulations Governing The Practice of Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners to conform requirements for providing addresses to changes in § 54.1-2400.02 of the Code of Virginia. The action is exempt in the Administrative Process Act under § 2.2-4006 of the Code of Virginia.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This action has no impact on the institution of the family and family stability.